

a housing having a cord receiving hole portion in which an optical fiber cord can be inserted and received along an axis of said optical fiber cord; and

a stopper including a plate-like portion having a positioning slit having a width slightly smaller than a diameter of said optical fiber cord;

wherein a mounting hole, through which said plate-like portion of said stopper can be inserted into said cord receiving hole portion in a direction perpendicular to a direction of insertion of said optical fiber cord, is formed in said housing, and said housing has stopper retaining portions for holding said plate-like portion of said stopper, said stopper retaining portions engaging a retaining side of said plate-like portion having a cross-section perpendicular to the direction of insertion of said optical fiber cord; and

wherein when said stopper is inserted into said cord receiving hole portion, each of blade portions, formed by a side edge of said positioning slit and a distal end edge of said plate-like portion disposed perpendicular to said side edge, penetrates into a covering portion of said optical fiber in a direction different from a direction toward an axis of said optical fiber cord, while forcing a portion of said covering portion away, thereby positioning said optical fiber cord in a fixed manner in the direction of the axis of said optical fiber cord.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending. By this Amendment, the drawings are corrected pursuant to the Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections, the specification and claim 1 are amended. No new matter is added by any of these amendments.

Reconsideration based on the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes a marked-up copy of each rewritten paragraph (37 CFR §1.121(b)(1)(iii)), and each rewritten claim (37 CFR §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).